

# GRADUATES BALANCE MULTIPLE PRIORITIES



Seniors overcome various challenges as they progress towards graduation. Balancing academic, work, and extracurricular commitments, students engage in on-campus organizations, connect with friends on social media, meet with professors, and more. Seniors also look forward to next steps following college graduation and report satisfaction with their college experience as a foundation for meeting their future goals.

## DURING THEIR SENIOR YEAR, NOT ALL THEIR TIME WAS SPENT IN CLASS.



**79% / 78%**  
participated in student clubs/groups



**71% / 82%**  
spent time volunteering



**53% / 46%**  
attended religious services

## STUDENTS ENGAGED IN VARIOUS ACADEMIC AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THEIR COLLEGE YEARS.

**37% / 37%**  
studied abroad



**30% / 25%**  
participated in an undergraduate research program



**20% / 39%**  
joined a fraternity or sorority



**19% / 26%**  
participated in an ethnic/racial student organization



**11% / 11%**  
participated in a women's advocacy group

## COLLEGE WAS NOT WITHOUT ITS CHALLENGES FOR THE CLASS OF 2019...



**20% / 27%**  
were dissatisfied with their financial aid package

**28% / 20%**  
experienced food insecurity

**29% / 32%**  
missed class due to employment

**37% / 47%**  
felt ignored or invisible because of their race/ethnicity

## ...BUT STUDENTS FOUND WAYS TO UNWIND.



**64% / 66%**  
spent 6 or more hours per week socializing with friends in person

**71% / 70%**  
spent 3 or more hours per week watching TV and online video content

**80% / 83%**  
of students spent at least 1 hour exercising or playing sports each week

## COLLEGE SENIORS MAINTAIN AN EYE TOWARDS THE FUTURE...

**66% / 72%**  
plan to complete a degree beyond the baccalaureate

**55% / 54%**  
consider it very important or essential to influence social values

**29% / 28%**  
consider it very important or essential to influence the political structure



## ...AND HAVE THE PREPARATION AND PLANS TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS.

**84% / 83%**  
felt satisfied with their overall college experience

**78% / 85%**  
met with a counselor to discuss their career plans

**84% / 87%**  
received support from professors in achieving their professional goals

**45% / 43%**  
have already received an offer of employment

**16% / 26%**  
plan to attend graduate or professional school full time in the fall